

## **HOVE STATION NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM**

**Management Committee Meeting Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

**Venue – Blatchington Court Trust Offices – 7.30 – 9.30pm**

**Present: Jon Turner, Mike Gibson, Sue Gibson, Robert Glick, David Kemp, Violetta Soura, Kim Tisdale, Georgina Basset**

**Apologies: Nigel Richardson, Helmut Lusser, Frank Kelly**

### **Minutes**

1. Minutes of meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016 agreed.
2. Minutes of AGM held Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January agreed.
3. Forum Organisation Review
  - The Forum organisation with illustrative Organogram was explained by Mike highlighting various roles of members, as a rationalisation of the HSNF Group.
  - The Group activities were explained, particularly with 3 new members present, resulting in discussions as to which area of activity the new members could participate. It was also confirmed that the area of work involving community facilities has been somewhat underdeveloped to date, requiring further attention.
  - MG to edit the Organogram slightly and re-issue
4. Communications and Community Engagement Working Group
  - 4.1 - RG confirmed that the website was currently being redesigned by Manish with a view to avoiding a repetition of items and to become a bulletin board.
    - RG requested personal profiles from Committee members from those yet to provide them both old and new.
    - The password for the gmail account was given to the new members.
    - RK to re-circulate the User Guide in respect of this account to all members of the Forum who are in the gmail contacts list.
  - 4.2 - The next Stoneham Neighbourhood meeting will be on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February
    - The Weston site will shortly have a planning application for residential only which will need to be discussed.
    - MG explained the relationship and interaction with the Brighton School of Planning – they are proposing to form 2 groups of 8 students to work with the Forum, particularly with the Stoneham Neighbourhood and Hove Station Improvement Group.
    - MG to agree a broad framework of work with the students.
  - 4.3 - Minutes of Hove Station Area Improvement Group were circulated earlier today.
    - The on-line petition currently has 137 signatures.
    - It was agreed that leaflets should be created as handouts to people going to and from the Station, referring to the on-line petition and to the website. GB and KT both volunteered for stints – MG to create the leaflet.

- Website should be updated to set out the current position re the footbridge, including responsibility for maintenance by the Council and ownership by Network Rail.
- DK confirmed that the footbridge is Listed which may help to put pressure on the Council to act.
- GB confirmed she had spoken to Martin Eade from the Council who confirmed that the bridge is due to be painted and steps repaired, following completion of their inspection, which is apparently currently half finished.
- GB requested that someone from the Council explain the situation to the Forum.
- MG referred to the Project Centre Report from January 2015 and confirmed he has requested copies of the plans and diagrams referred to in the Report.

5. Housing, Transport and Regeneration Working Group Report

- 5.1 - HL and MG to produce a note of the meeting between Mountpark and BHCC.
- 5.2 - MG outlined the main aspects of his meeting with David Renault from the BHCC Transport Planner.
  - MG highlighted the “community speed watch section” and confirmed that David Renault is looking into the provision of hand held speed monitors for this area.
- 5.3 - MG HL and NR held a meeting with the bus company who confirmed that they will not be moving out but would be happy to discuss a redevelopment of the bus station site incorporating a bus depot.
  - The next stage will be a meeting with the Forum, bus Company and developers.
- 5.4 Commissioned report on Delivering Quality Development – draft report submitted for comments in March – final report to be submitted for website – Stuart.

6. Green Neighbourhoods and Community Infrastructure Group

- 6.1 Community Energy Kickstart Report submitted to UKPN and circulated.
- 6.2 Community infrastructure needs and priorities. Further work to be done to identify gaps in provision and particularly the issue of schools.
  - JT confirmed that opportunities lies in both the Forum’s ability to comment on proposed loss of facilities in planning applications and provision of new facilities through developer contributions in future developments.
  - New members GB and KT both agree to become involved with this work. - MG organised an interim meeting on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February to discuss roles and type of work to be undertaken. RG to confirm the venue for the meeting to take place at 7.30pm for about an hour.

7. Application for Neighbourhood Planning Grant

- NR to circulate an update on the successful planning grant application.

Date of next meeting – THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – time and venue to be confirmed.